REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed July 12, 2005 ("Office Action"). At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-20 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects 1-20. To advance prosecution of this case, Applicants amend Claims 1-8, 10-17, and 19. Applicants do not admit that any amendments are necessary due to any prior art or any of the Examiner's rejections. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Section 102 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,742,905 issued to Pepe, et al. (*"Pepe"*). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-20.

Pepe fails to teach, suggest, or disclose several aspects of amended Claim 1. First, the cited reference fails to teach, suggest, or disclose "a shell interface to a computer operating system of a computer" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 1. Second, there is nothing in *Pepe* that teaches, suggests, or discloses "installing a messaging component into a shell interface" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 1. Third, *Pepe* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose "displaying at least one messaging entry through the shell interface" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 1.

First, *Pepe* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose "a shell interface to a computer operating system of a computer" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 1. *Pepe* discloses a network for providing "cross-media notification of incoming messages" received by different devices or systems. (*Pepe*; col. 5, ll. 64-67). For example, the network in *Pepe* may notify a user via a pager message when a voice mail message is received. (*Pepe*; col. 5, ll. 64-67). In addition, *Pepe* describes the use of a server to update a user's message routing preferences. (*Pepe*; col. 8, ll. 32-54). There is nothing, however, in *Pepe* that teaches, suggests, or discloses that the server or any other component of the network is "a shell interface" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 1. Furthermore, the cited reference does not mention "an operating system" as recited, in part, in Claim 1. Thus, *Pepe* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose "a shell interface to an operating system of a computer" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 1. Because *Pepe* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose this aspect of amended

Claim 1, *Pepe* fails to support the rejection.

Second, there is nothing in *Pepe* that teaches, suggests, or discloses "installing a messaging component module into a shell interface" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 1. The portion of *Pepe* cited by the Examiner describes "downloading a subscriber profile from the PCI database to the PCI server." (*Pepe*; col. 14, ll. 19-22). A subscriber profile comprises the message routing preferences of a particular user, (*Pepe*; col. 6, ll. 22-23), not a "messaging component module" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 1. Thus, *Pepe* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose "installing a messaging component module into a shell interface" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 1. Because *Pepe* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose this aspect of amended Claim 1, *Pepe* fails to support the rejection.

Third, *Pepe* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose "displaying at least one messaging entry through the shell interface" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 1. The portion of *Pepe* cited by the Examiner describes a computer screen that displays sent and received messages. (*Pepe*; col. 34, ll. 22-26). However, as shown above, *Pepe* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose a "shell interface" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 1. Accordingly, *Pepe* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose "displaying at least one messaging entry *through the shell interface*" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 1. Because the cited reference fails to teach, suggest, or disclose this aspect of amended Claim 1, the cited reference fails to support the rejection. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of amended Claim 1.

In rejecting amended Claims 15, 17, and 19, the Examiner employs the same rationale used to reject amended Claim 1. Accordingly, for at least the reasons stated with respect to amended Claim 1, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of amended Claims 15, 17, and 19.

Claims 9, 18, and 20 and amended Claims 2-8, 10-14, and 16 depend from independent claims shown above to be allowable. In addition, these claims recite further elements not taught, suggested, or disclosed by the cited reference. For example, *Pepe* fails to teach, suggest, or disclose that "the displayed messaging entry shows that a received fax, voicemail and/or pager message is an attachment to an e-mail message" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 14. The portion of *Pepe* cited by the Examiner describes a method for forwarding or directly routing messages. (*Pepe*; col. 33, ll. 4-67; col. 34, ll. 1-8). *Pepe*, however, fails to teach, suggest, or disclose that "the displayed messaging entry shows that a

received fax, voicemail and/or pager message is *an attachment to an e-mail message*" as recited, in part, in amended Claim 14. (Emphasis added). Because the cited reference fails to teach, suggest, or disclose this aspect of amended Claim 14, the cited reference does not support the rejection. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 9, 18, and 20 and amended Claims 2-8, 10-14, and 16.
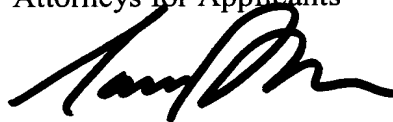
CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Samir A. Bhavsar, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6581.

Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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